



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Nikoonahad et al.

Title: Optical System for Measuring Samples Using Short Wavelength Radiation

Application No.: 10/718,126

Filing Date: November 19, 2003

Examiner: Unknown

Group Art Unit: 2877

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified continuation application with which this Preliminary Amendment is being filed, as follows:

**No Amendments to the Drawings.**

**Amendments to the Specification** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.



July 9, 2004

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) Return Receipt Postcard;
- (2) This Transmittal Letter (in duplicate);
- (3) Preliminary Amendment (3 pages);
- (4) Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
- (5) PTO Form 1449 (1 page); and
- (6) 3 References enclosed.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

**CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

	Claims Remaining <u>After Amendment</u>		Highest No. Previously <u>Paid For</u>		Present <u>Extra</u>	<u>Rate</u>	Additional <u>Fee</u>	
Total Claims	127	Minus	127	=	0	x \$18.00	\$	0.00
Independent Claims	4	Minus	4	=	0	x \$86.00	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fee of ____ for the first filing of one or more multiple dependent claims per application						\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fee for Petition for Extension of Time						\$	
Total additional fee for this Amendment:							\$	0.00

- ☒ Conditional Petition for Extension of Time: If an extension of time is required for timely filing of the enclosed document(s) after all papers filed with this transmittal have been considered, an extension of time is hereby requested.
- ☒ Please charge any additional fees required and credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 502664.

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